

REMARKS

The above amendments and following remarks are submitted in response to the Second Official Action of the Examiner mailed August 2, 2002. Having addressed all objections and grounds of rejection, claims 1-20, being all the pending claims, are now deemed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration to that end is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that the informalities with regard to the drawings, specification, and claims have all been resolved. The sole remaining issues are the rejections of all pending claims based upon prior art.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-14, and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,275,939, issued to Garrison (hereinafter referred to as "Garrison"). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

A fundamental feature of the present invention as claimed is a security profile which is specific to the physical location or site from which a user requests services. Applicants state at page 7, lines 11-12, of their specification:

This invention will provide a new SignOn capability which allows for site-specific data to be used to identify a user.

This feature is important because it permits the system to employ physical security of the user terminal in addition to or instead of identification of the specific requestor. In certain applications, the identity of the requestor may not be important at all, whereas only the physical location of the terminal should govern. In other cases, certain data may be supplied to a requesting user if and only if that user is located at a specific terminal.

Though all claims as originally presented were deemed to have been so limited, the claims have been amended herewith to make it absolutely clear that the "security profile", which is limiting of all pending claims, is dependent upon the specific physical site of the user terminal from which the service request is made.

It is clear that the Garrison has a security profiling technique which clears "users" rather than "sites". As a result, it is apparent that a user of Garrison's system receives like access to data without regard to the site from which he/she makes requests. With Applicants' system, however, it is the physical location rather than the individual user which is cleared for access.

Having thus responded to each objection and ground of rejection, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-20, being the only pending claims.

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